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Application of:

MESSADEK, Jallal

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GLYCINE BETAINE AND ITS USE



Group Art Unit: 1614

Examiner: Ostrup, Clinton T.

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2002, applicant elects Group I, claims 1-17, 22-24 and 28-30, without traverse. A petition for a three-month extension of time accompanies this submission.

Should any additional fees be due in connection with this submission, they may be charged to deposit account 19-0522. Any issues which remain and may be resolved by a telephone conference may directed to the undersigned at 1-800-445-3460.

Applicant claims the benefit of small entity status for this and further submissions in connection with this application.

I hereby certify that this document is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Box \_\_\_\_\_, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.  
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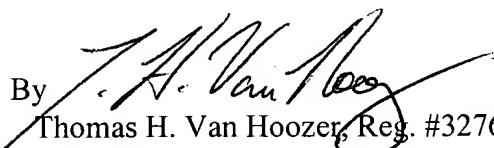
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